

TEXAS

Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

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UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SLIGHTLY

Total unemployment in Texas rose between April and May by 17,700, as the beginning surge of students and other summer job-seekers entered the labor force. The increase brought the number of unemployed to 516,900 at mid-May and pushed the actual unemployment rate up from 6.3 percent in April to 6.6 percent in May. The current rate was a full percentage point above the year-ago rate of 5.6 percent.

The number of job-holders declined by 55,500 over the month, to total 7,360,000 in mid-May in the actual series. The current employment level was slightly below the May 1984 estimate. The seasonally adjusted rate followed the same pattern as the actual, rising from 6.6 percent in April to 6.9 percent in May. The current seasonally adjusted rate was also a full percentage point below the rate for May 1984. The U. S. continued to register little change in unemployment over the month, as the seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged at 7.3 percent and the actual rate inched down from 7.1 percent in April to 7.0 percent in May.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE

An additional 18,900 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs were added in Texas between April and May, bringing the total to 6,580,400. The over-the-month expansion was not evenly distributed, however, as the nonmanufacturing sector generated all of the increase while manufacturing declined once again.

Seasonal influences were responsible for much of the monthly growth in nonmanufacturing, which added 21,000 jobs in May. About one-third of this increase occurred in the retail sector of trade. While almost every trade sector recorded advances, the most prominent gains were in food stores and in other retail trade, which includes eating and drinking places.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,890.0	114,325.0	113,250.0
Unemployment	8,011.0	8,150.0	8,154.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.1	7.2
Total Employment	106,879.0	106,175.0	105,096.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,373.0	115,371.0	113,722.0
Unemployment	8,413.0	8,426.0	8,560.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.3	7.5
Total Employment	106,960.0	106,945.0	105,162.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,876.9	7,914.7	7,850.5
Unemployment	516.9	499.2	438.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.3	5.6
Total Employment	7,360.0	7,415.5	7,412.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,919.0	7,966.0	7,890.0
Unemployment	544.0	524.0	462.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.6	5.9
Total Employment	7,375.0	7,442.0	7,428.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '85*	Apr. '85**	May '84**	May '85*	Apr. '85**	May '84**	May '85*	Apr. '85**	May '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,900	53,800	52,200	81,000	80,500	80,800	351,300	349,600	324,600
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,800	9,700	10,400	41,900	41,700	39,100
Mining	3,900	3,900	4,000	1,600	1,700	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	3,000	2,900	2,800	5,100	5,000	4,700	29,700	29,400	24,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900	6,400	6,300	6,600	9,500	9,500	8,900
Trade	14,600	14,500	13,700	24,300	24,100	23,900	74,300	74,300	70,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,300	24,500	24,500	21,800
Services & Misc.	12,900	13,000	12,400	15,400	15,500	15,400	78,500	77,600	69,700
Government	8,100	8,100	8,100	14,000	13,800	13,600	91,800	91,500	89,000
BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR									
TOTAL	138,500	138,900	143,800	58,900	59,100	60,000	64,900	65,000	64,000
Manufacturing	28,600	28,800	31,700	16,800	17,000	17,400	10,200	10,000	10,800
Mining	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,700	8,700	9,400	5,800	6,000	7,000	3,600	3,500	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,700	11,800	11,700	2,500	2,400	2,600	3,100	3,200	3,200
Trade	33,600	33,600	33,800	11,000	10,900	11,200	18,400	18,400	17,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,700	2,400	2,300	2,200	3,400	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,500	27,500	28,400	7,500	7,500	7,600	11,900	12,100	11,800
Government	19,900	20,000	20,100	10,600	10,700	9,600	14,200	14,300	13,800
BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION									
TOTAL	49,800	50,300	47,400	135,000	135,200	133,300	1,237.6	1,236.2	1,214.6
Manufacturing	3,300	3,400	3,200	13,600	13,800	13,600	220.8	220.8	222.2
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,200	7,400	7,800	23.7	23.6	23.3
Construction	2,800	3,000	2,800	12,000	12,000	10,900	80.1	80.4	76.9
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,500	7,400	7,800	76.8	76.4	75.5
Trade	10,900	10,700	10,000	34,400	34,300	33,500	324.1	324.5	321.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,600	117.2	116.8	112.4
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,600	7,200	26,900	26,900	26,000	260.8	259.6	253.5
Government	20,400	20,600	19,300	27,100	27,100	27,100	134.1	134.1	129.8
CORPUS CHRISTI									
TOTAL	175,000	173,400	171,700	485,600	482,000	465,900	74,900	73,600	71,000
Manufacturing	39,600	39,100	37,400	110,200	109,600	106,600	10,400	10,200	10,100
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,200	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,100	9,200	30,000	29,600	28,400	4,000	3,800	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,800	24,000	23,800	23,900	6,000	5,900	6,100
Trade	41,400	41,100	40,600	131,000	130,200	129,000	14,100	13,900	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	8,300	26,700	26,500	25,000	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	30,200	29,900	30,100	97,300	96,000	90,900	13,300	12,900	11,200
Government	35,900	35,900	35,900	61,800	61,700	57,700	21,100	21,000	18,900
EL PASO									
TOTAL	175,000	173,400	171,700	485,600	482,000	465,900	74,900	73,600	71,000
Manufacturing	39,600	39,100	37,400	110,200	109,600	106,600	10,400	10,200	10,100
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,200	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,100	9,200	30,000	29,600	28,400	4,000	3,800	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,800	24,000	23,800	23,900	6,000	5,900	6,100
Trade	41,400	41,100	40,600	131,000	130,200	129,000	14,100	13,900	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	8,300	26,700	26,500	25,000	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	30,200	29,900	30,100	97,300	96,000	90,900	13,300	12,900	11,200
Government	35,900	35,900	35,900	61,800	61,700	57,700	21,100	21,000	18,900
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
TOTAL	175,000	173,400	171,700	485,600	482,000	465,900	74,900	73,600	71,000
Manufacturing	39,600	39,100	37,400	110,200	109,600	106,600	10,400	10,200	10,100
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,200	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,100	9,200	30,000	29,600	28,400	4,000	3,800	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,800	24,000	23,800	23,900	6,000	5,900	6,100
Trade	41,400	41,100	40,600	131,000	130,200	129,000	14,100	13,900	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	8,300	26,700	26,500	25,000	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	30,200	29,900	30,100	97,300	96,000	90,900	13,300	12,900	11,200
Government	35,900	35,900	35,900	61,800	61,700	57,700	21,100	21,000	18,900
BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN									
TOTAL	175,000	173,400	171,700	485,600	482,000	465,900	74,900	73,600	71,000
Manufacturing	39,600	39,100	37,400	110,200	109,600	106,600	10,400	10,200	10,100
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,200	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,100	9,200	30,000	29,600	28,400	4,000	3,800	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,800	24,000	23,800	23,900	6,000	5,900	6,100
Trade	41,400	41,100	40,600	131,000	130,200	129,000	14,100	13,900	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	8,300	26,700	26,500	25,000	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	30,200	29,900	30,100	97,300	96,000	90,900	13,300	12,900	11,200
Government	35,900	35,900	35,900	61,800	61,700	57,700	21,100	21,000	18,900
DALLAS 2/									
TOTAL	175,000	173,400	171,700	485,600	482,000	465,900	74,900	73,600	71,000
Manufacturing	39,600	39,100	37,400	110,200	109,600	106,600	10,400	10,200	10,100
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,200	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,100	9,200	30,000	29,600	28,400	4,000	3,800	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,800	24,000	23,800	23,900	6,000	5,900	6,100
Trade	41,400	41,100	40,600	131,000	130,200	129,000	14,100	13,900	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	8,300	26,700	26,500	25,000	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	30,200	29,900	30,100	97,300	96,000	90,900	13,300	12,900	11,200
Government	35,900	35,900	35,900	61,800	61,700	57,700	21,100	21,000	18,900
GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY									
TOTAL	175,000	173,400	171,700	485,600	482,000	465,900	74,900	73,600	71,000
Manufacturing	39,600	39,100	37,400	110,200	109,600	106,600	10,400	10,200	10,100
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,200	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,100	9,200	30,000	29,600	28,400	4,000	3,800	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,800	24,000	23,800	23,900	6,000	5,900	6,100
Trade	41,400	41,100	40,600	131,000	130,200	129,000	14,100	13,900	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	8,300	26,700	26,500	25,000	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	30,200	29,900	30,100	97,300	96,000	90,900	13,300	12,900	11,200
Government	35,900	35,900	35,900	61,800	61,700	57,700	21,100	21,000	18,900

Services added 4,900 jobs over the month, despite sizeable losses in two categories. Educational services decreased substantially as the spring semester ended for private colleges, and the end of income tax season brought declines in personal services. These seasonal losses were more than offset by seasonal advances in business and repair services, due in part to increases among personnel supply agencies, and in amusement, including motion pictures, as summer recreational programs got underway.

Both the local and federal sectors of government recorded fairly large growth over the month due to seasonal additions and hiring for vacation replacements. Primarily on the strength of increases in transportation, except railroads, transportation and public utilities rose by 3,200 in May. The increase followed a slump in water transportation which idled many businesses in April.

All segments of finance, insurance and real estate registered sizeable growth in May. Banking employment increased as part-time help was hired for the summer, and other finance, insurance and real estate climbed due to continued demand for real estate brokers, agents, operators, and managers. Falling interest rates, along with good weather and the availability of summer workers, helped push employment in construction up by 1,500 over the month.

**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

	May '85*	Apr. '85**	May '84**		May '85*	Apr. '85**	May '84**		May '85*	Apr. '85**	May '84**
Industry	HOUSTON 2/				KILLEEN-TEMPLE				LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,488.4	1,482.1	1,459.7		65,500	65,300	63,300		33,000	33,000	31,200
Manufacturing	174.2	174.1	175.8		8,700	8,400	8,700		1,900	1,900	2,000
Mining	97.2	97.7	95.1		--	--	--		1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	109.9	109.2	118.9		3,900	3,800	3,700		1,400	1,400	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	102.9	102.2	100.5		3,200	3,200	3,000		3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	369.4	366.8	366.5		16,100	16,100	15,300		10,000	10,000	9,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	115.4	114.5	107.3		2,900	2,900	2,500		1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	336.7	335.5	321.7		11,800	12,100	11,500		5,100	5,100	5,000
Government	182.7	182.1	173.9		18,900	18,800	18,600		7,600	7,600	7,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL				LUBBOCK				MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,400	66,200	66,800		93,600	93,400	90,400		81,000	81,500	79,000
Manufacturing	15,000	14,900	15,000		9,000	8,800	9,100		10,600	10,800	10,800
Mining	4,900	4,800	4,800		500	500	600		1,800	1,900	1,500
Construction	4,500	4,400	5,100		5,100	4,900	4,200		4,400	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300		5,000	5,000	4,700		2,800	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,400	16,400	16,300		27,300	27,100	26,100		24,700	25,100	24,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,000		5,800	5,800	5,500		3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	10,600	10,700	11,100		19,800	20,000	19,300		12,400	12,400	11,800
Government	8,600	8,600	8,200		21,100	21,300	20,900		20,700	20,700	20,200
	MIDLAND				ODESSA				SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	52,200	52,300	50,900		53,500	53,900	51,600		38,600	38,500	37,500
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,600		4,600	4,600	4,900		5,500	5,500	5,600
Mining	11,900	11,900	12,700		8,100	8,200	8,800		900	900	800
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800		3,900	4,100	3,500		2,600	2,600	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,300		2,600	2,600	2,600		3,700	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,100		16,200	16,300	14,900		10,000	9,700	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,500		2,100	2,100	2,100		1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,100		8,200	8,200	7,600		7,500	7,600	7,400
Government	6,900	6,900	5,800		7,800	7,800	7,200		6,600	6,600	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO				SHERMAN-DENISON				TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	476,100	472,500	459,000		37,200	37,000	36,700		46,300	46,000	43,600
Manufacturing	51,500	51,400	51,700		11,900	11,900	12,000		7,500	7,500	7,000
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,400		300	300	300		100	100	100
Construction	36,100	35,900	34,300		1,200	1,200	1,100		1,800	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,300	18,000	18,000		2,100	2,100	2,100		1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	125,200	123,700	118,500		8,200	8,100	8,000		11,800	11,800	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	35,300	35,000	33,500		1,400	1,400	1,300		1,700	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	102,900	102,300	99,500		7,200	7,100	7,000		8,600	8,600	8,200
Government	103,300	102,700	100,100		4,900	4,900	4,900		12,900	12,800	12,200
	TYLER				VICTORIA 3/				WACO		
TOTAL	61,900	61,400	61,100		30,100	29,600	29,100		77,700	78,000	76,400
Manufacturing	12,800	12,700	12,400		2,900	2,900	3,000		15,600	15,800	16,200
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,500		2,800	2,800	2,900		--	--	--
Construction	3,000	2,900	2,900		3,200	3,000	2,500		4,300	4,100	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900		1,500	1,500	1,500		3,600	3,700	3,400
Trade	15,900	15,800	15,700		8,300	8,100	8,000		19,400	19,400	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,400	3,300		1,700	1,700	1,600		5,000	5,000	4,700
Services & Misc.	12,200	12,100	12,400		5,500	5,400	5,400		18,000	18,300	17,400
Government	8,200	8,100	8,000		4,200	4,200	4,200		11,800	11,700	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS										
TOTAL	51,900	51,600	51,700								
Manufacturing	9,000	9,000	9,200								
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,300								
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900								
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,600								
Trade	12,600	12,400	12,300								
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400								
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,600								
Government	10,200	10,200	10,400								

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry			Change From		Change From
	May 1985*	Apr. 1985**	May 1984**	Apr. 1985	May 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,580,400	6,561,500	6,438,600	18,900	141,800
Manufacturing	994,500	996,600	995,800	-2,100	-1,300
Durable Goods	578,000	580,200	578,400	-2,200	-400
Lumber & Wood Products	41,800	41,800	43,100	0	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	7,000	7,400	-100	-500
Furniture & Fixtures	17,200	17,200	17,700	0	-500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,100	48,900	49,200	1,200	900
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,300	24,400	22,800	900	2,500
Primary Metal Industries	35,400	35,400	36,200	0	-800
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,900	83,900	81,100	0	2,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,200	43,100	42,700	100	500
Machinery, Except Electrical	127,800	130,600	131,900	-2,800	-4,100
Oil Field Machinery	39,700	40,100	39,000	-400	700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	107,800	108,500	107,200	-700	600
Transportation Equipment	79,000	78,600	75,800	400	3,200
Aircraft & Parts	40,600	40,500	38,300	100	2,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,800	23,300	-300	-800
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,500	12,500	12,900	0	-400
Nondurable Goods	416,500	416,400	417,400	100	-900
Food & Kindred Products	98,100	96,800	92,500	1,300	5,600
Meat Products	26,500	25,800	24,300	700	2,200
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	200
Bakery Products	11,700	11,900	10,700	-200	1,000
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,800	5,000	-100	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	58,800	59,900	63,400	-1,100	-4,600
Paper & Allied Products	23,500	23,100	23,900	400	-400
Printing & Publishing	73,000	72,900	71,900	100	1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	37,000	36,900	35,700	100	1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,700	77,000	76,700	-300	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	40,800	40,900	42,100	-100	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	37,600	37,700	38,900	-100	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,500	8,200	0	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	33,400	33,500	33,700	-100	-300
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,585,900	5,564,900	5,442,800	21,000	143,100
Mining	267,000	268,500	268,000	-1,500	-1,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	257,500	259,100	258,500	-1,600	-1,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,400	9,500	100	0
Construction	437,500	436,000	435,300	1,500	2,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,000	370,800	372,100	3,200	1,900
Railroad Transportation	24,400	24,400	25,300	0	-900
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,100	180,100	178,300	3,000	4,800
Transportation by Air	39,600	38,900	38,400	700	1,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,300	87,400	89,400	-100	-2,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,200	78,900	79,100	300	100
Electric Services	44,500	44,400	44,500	100	0
Gas Production & Distribution	28,400	28,200	28,800	200	-400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,630,100	1,622,800	1,612,300	7,300	17,800
Wholesale Trade	427,500	427,200	431,800	300	-4,300
Retail Trade	1,202,600	1,195,600	1,180,500	7,000	22,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	57,100	56,500	55,800	600	1,300
General Merchandise Stores	153,900	153,300	150,100	600	3,800
Food Stores	213,800	211,600	209,700	2,200	4,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	137,300	137,100	134,600	200	2,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,000	81,100	80,200	-100	800
Other Retail Trade	559,500	556,000	550,100	3,500	9,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	426,300	424,500	413,600	1,800	12,700
Banking	106,600	105,900	104,100	700	2,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	130,200	129,800	126,600	400	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	189,500	188,800	182,900	700	6,600
Services	1,305,400	1,300,500	1,255,800	4,900	49,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	79,200	78,900	78,300	300	900
Personal Services	82,000	83,500	77,500	-1,500	4,500
Business & Repair Services	369,300	363,100	350,100	6,200	19,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	59,300	57,400	51,100	1,900	8,200
Health Services	342,100	342,500	342,400	-400	-300
Educational Services	57,700	61,500	57,100	-3,800	600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	315,800	313,600	299,300	2,200	16,500
Total Government	1,145,600	1,141,800	1,085,700	3,800	59,900
Total Federal Government	187,500	185,800	176,000	1,700	11,500
Total State Government	274,000	273,800	250,000	200	24,000
Total Local Government	684,100	682,200	659,700	1,900	24,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '85*	Apr. '85**	May '84**	May '85*	Apr. '85**	May '84**	May '85*	Apr. '85**	May '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,500	64,000	63,600	100,500	100,700	102,300	395,200	396,700	374,300
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,900	2,600	5,400	5,200	4,400	14,800	13,800	12,000
Percent Unemployed	4.6	4.5	4.1	5.4	5.2	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.2
Total Employment 2/	60,600	61,100	61,000	95,100	95,500	97,900	380,400	382,900	362,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	172,700	174,100	179,900	82,900	83,200	85,100	92,500	92,900	92,400
Total Unemployment	22,000	21,000	19,000	6,600	6,100	5,000	12,900	12,800	11,500
Percent Unemployed	12.7	12.1	10.6	8.0	7.3	5.9	13.9	13.8	12.4
Total Employment 2/	150,700	153,100	160,900	76,300	77,100	80,100	79,600	80,100	80,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,100	59,400	57,400	169,600	171,300	170,600	1,292.9	1,299.9	1,292.3
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,200	2,100	14,200	13,800	13,400	56.9	51.0	43.8
Percent Unemployed	4.4	3.7	3.7	8.4	8.1	7.9	4.4	3.9	3.4
Total Employment 2/	56,500	57,200	55,300	155,400	157,500	157,200	1,236.0	1,248.9	1,248.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	203,600	203,800	200,900	610,400	612,900	597,600	97,500	97,000	93,600
Total Unemployment	22,400	21,700	17,200	27,700	26,600	21,800	10,100	9,900	8,300
Percent Unemployed	11.0	10.6	8.6	4.5	4.3	3.6	10.4	10.2	8.9
Total Employment 2/	181,200	182,100	183,700	582,700	586,300	575,800	87,400	87,100	85,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,665.3	1,673.1	1,667.9	78,400	78,300	76,600	39,000	40,100	39,200
Total Unemployment	122.1	117.7	107.5	5,000	4,800	3,500	5,400	6,100	6,700
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.1	4.6	13.8	15.2	17.1
Total Employment 2/	1,543.2	1,555.4	1,560.4	73,400	73,500	73,100	33,600	34,000	32,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	77,200	78,500	112,100	113,200	112,200	119,600	121,600	117,100
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,100	6,200	6,100	5,800	5,900	21,700	24,400	21,100
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.2	7.9	5.4	5.1	5.3	18.1	20.1	18.0
Total Employment 2/	69,500	70,100	72,300	106,000	107,400	106,300	97,900	97,200	96,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,000	64,800	64,500	67,500	68,900	67,600	50,700	50,400	50,300
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,800	2,400	3,800	3,900	3,600	2,400	2,200	1,800
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.3	3.7	5.6	5.7	5.3	4.7	4.4	3.6
Total Employment 2/	61,100	62,000	62,100	63,700	65,000	64,000	48,300	48,200	48,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	535,400	534,800	527,400	43,000	43,100	42,300	51,400	51,400	49,000
Total Unemployment	29,100	26,600	24,300	3,300	3,000	2,000	4,300	4,200	3,600
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.0	4.6	7.7	7.0	4.7	8.4	8.2	7.3
Total Employment 2/	506,300	508,200	503,100	39,700	40,100	40,300	47,100	47,200	45,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,200	81,700	81,000	38,200	38,200	38,400	92,200	93,000	92,100
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,100	3,300	2,400	2,200	2,200	4,900	4,600	3,800
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	4.1	6.3	5.8	5.7	5.3	4.9	4.1
Total Employment 2/	76,700	77,600	77,700	35,800	36,000	36,200	87,300	88,400	88,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,400	61,700	62,700				7,876.9	7,914.7	7,850.5
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,100	2,600				516.9	499.2	438.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2	5.0	4.1				6.6	6.3	5.6
Total Employment 2/	58,200	58,600	60,100				7,360.0	7,415.5	7,412.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May ± 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May ± 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May ± 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$377.81	\$376.77	\$373.15	40.8	40.6	41.6	\$ 9.26	\$ 9.28	\$ 8.97
Durable Goods	376.07	375.24	364.04	41.1	41.1	41.7	9.15	9.13	8.73
Lumber & Wood Products	265.20	258.23	261.14	39.0	38.2	40.3	6.80	6.76	6.48
Furniture & Fixtures	236.98	236.01	217.55	38.1	38.5	38.1	6.22	6.13	5.71
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	379.68	381.87	359.21	44.2	44.3	43.7	8.59	8.62	8.22
Primary Metal Industries	425.08	415.31	408.62	40.6	40.4	41.4	10.47	10.28	9.87
Fabricated Metal Products	362.66	360.50	350.10	41.4	41.2	40.9	8.76	8.75	8.56
Machinery, exc. Electric	390.21	388.54	377.92	41.6	41.6	42.8	9.38	9.34	8.83
Oil Field Machinery	477.55	484.96	477.74	42.6	43.3	44.4	11.21	11.20	10.76
Electric & Electronic Equip.	380.42	378.74	373.32	40.6	39.7	40.8	9.37	9.54	9.15
Transportation Equipment	517.05	532.01	507.20	41.9	43.5	43.8	12.34	12.23	11.58
Instruments & Related Prod.	299.00	297.59	296.44	37.8	38.3	38.3	7.91	7.77	7.74
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	268.13	263.31	270.66	39.9	40.2	39.0	6.72	6.55	6.94
Nondurable Goods	379.22	379.60	386.05	40.3	40.0	41.6	9.41	9.49	9.28
Food & Kindred Products	324.95	326.68	336.26	41.5	41.3	43.0	7.83	7.91	7.82
Meat Products	268.92	265.28	295.93	41.5	40.5	44.5	6.48	6.55	6.65
Malt Beverages	738.47	726.66	730.51	45.5	44.8	45.8	16.23	16.22	15.95
Textile Mill Products	278.36	282.22	286.09	40.4	41.2	42.7	6.89	6.85	6.70
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	191.57	181.13	190.61	36.7	34.7	39.3	5.22	5.22	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	413.82	411.27	428.74	41.8	41.5	44.2	9.90	9.91	9.70
Printing & Publishing	360.76	360.19	347.73	39.6	39.8	40.2	9.11	9.05	8.65
Chemicals & Allied Products	611.90	623.28	606.34	42.2	42.4	42.7	14.50	14.70	14.20
Petroleum & Coal Products	528.01	518.36	608.02	39.7	39.6	43.0	13.30	13.09	14.14
Petroleum Refining	545.66	535.16	630.55	39.8	39.7	43.1	13.71	13.48	14.63
Leather & Leather Products	203.68	206.46	201.30	37.1	37.0	36.8	5.49	5.58	5.47
Other Nondurable Goods	361.25	364.65	363.54	42.4	42.5	41.5	8.52	8.58	8.76
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	476.08	480.48	472.60	44.0	44.0	46.7	10.82	10.92	10.12
Oil & Gas Extraction	475.00	478.73	474.47	43.9	43.8	46.7	10.82	10.93	10.16
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	516.70	524.29	426.37	48.2	48.5	46.7	10.72	10.81	9.13
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	440.38	433.94	422.65	38.8	38.3	39.5	11.35	11.33	10.70
Elec., Gas & San. Services	452.92	450.60	419.36	39.8	39.7	39.6	11.38	11.35	10.59
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.16	231.40	232.54	33.5	33.2	34.4	6.96	6.97	6.76
Wholesale Trade	370.91	369.86	356.98	39.5	39.6	40.2	9.39	9.34	8.88
Retail Trade	188.37	186.29	191.43	31.5	31.1	32.5	5.98	5.99	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	184.51	182.95	166.29	30.1	29.7	30.4	6.13	6.16	5.47
Banking	265.62	268.42	255.45	38.0	38.4	39.0	6.99	6.99	6.55

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	\$364.67	\$362.48	\$349.29	40.7	40.5	40.9	\$ 8.96	\$ 8.95	\$ 8.54
Durable Goods	376.65	376.25	360.74	40.5	40.5	40.9	9.30	9.29	8.82
Nondurable Goods	338.25	332.09	324.77	41.0	40.4	40.8	8.25	8.22	7.96
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	393.34	389.58	373.05	41.8	41.8	42.2	9.41	9.32	8.84
Durable Goods	416.37	411.58	387.96	42.1	42.3	42.4	9.89	9.73	9.15
Nondurable Goods	335.79	337.42	336.91	41.0	40.8	41.8	8.19	8.27	8.06
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	466.57	472.94	460.51	42.3	42.8	42.6	11.03	11.05	10.81
Durable Goods	413.82	418.70	407.88	42.4	42.9	42.8	9.76	9.76	9.53
Nondurable Goods	539.74	546.13	530.44	42.2	42.6	42.3	12.79	12.82	12.54
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	278.80	273.53	279.05	40.0	39.3	41.9	6.97	6.96	6.66
Durable Goods	311.01	302.66	311.04	42.2	40.9	43.2	7.37	7.40	7.20
Nondurable Goods	249.28	245.05	248.27	38.0	37.7	40.7	6.56	6.50	6.10

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Mining was the only nonmanufacturing sector which declined between April and May, as 1,600 jobs were lost in oil and gas extraction. The deleted jobs were primarily in the drilling portion. Mining is the only nonmanufacturing industry which has failed to regain most of the jobs deleted since 1981, due to the availability of cheap foreign oil. Between December 1981 and May 1985, over 52,000 mining jobs (or 16 percent of the total) have been lost. With little hope for immediate improvement, this industry is likely to fall on even harder times in the near future.

For the second consecutive month, manufacturing decreased in May, losing an additional 2,100 jobs over the month. Although decreases were scattered throughout durable and nondurable goods sectors, the bulk of the decline occurred in durable goods industries. A labor-management dispute in nonelectrical machinery further reduced employment in this already depressed industry. Nonelectrical machinery, which includes the making of oil field equipment as well as some computer components, has lost 74,100 jobs since its peak in December 1981, a decrease of 37 percent.

Electric and electronic equipment suffered a smaller loss, as 700 jobs were deleted between April and May. This industry began cutting back in January 1985, and will probably continue to do so until overstocked inventories have been depleted. The largest increase in manufacturing over the month was in stone, clay and glass products, which added 1,200 jobs in response to heightened demand for construction materials.

Within nondurable goods, a temporary layoff in apparel and other finished textile products pushed employment down by 1,100 in May. This loss was nullified, however, by an increase of 1,300 in food and kindred products, as meat products and preserved fruits and vegetables recorded substantial gains.

HOURLY EARNINGS DROP

There were an estimated 665,100 Texas manufacturing production workers in May, up 4,800 from the April figure. The average worker in May earned \$9.26 per hour for a 40.8-hour week, averaging \$377.81 per week. While the average number of hours worked rose by 0.2 hour over the month, hourly earnings declined by 2¢. Offsetting gains and losses in hourly earnings were scattered throughout manufacturing, with the largest drops occurring in electric and electronic equipment and chemicals and allied products. Increases were recorded in fabricated metals and in petroleum refining.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	May 1985	May 1984
Total Population	16,210,200	15,945,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	1.7
UI Covered Employers	309,814	299,961
Total Claims Actions	490,861	439,380
Total Initial Claims Actions	57,728	51,749
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	433,133	387,631
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$143.95	\$136.75
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	\$56,392,617	\$46,077,043
Total Placements	46,518	45,277

*Revised.

**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.